

## Summary of Final Criteria for Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) Entities

<b>Census County Divisions (CCDs)</b>	The Census Bureau will retain CCDs as geographic entities for the 2010 Census.
<b>Census Designated Places (CDPs)</b>	A CDP cannot have zero population and zero housing units.
	A CDP cannot be coextensive with a governmentally active minor civil division (i.e., town, township, charter township, plantation). This change will reduce redundancy in place and county subdivision data tabulations for the following states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin.
	A CDP must represent a single, distinct community. A CDP that represents multiple, distinct communities, and the hyphenated name typically assigned to represent such CDPs, will not be permitted. Exceptions will be made for communities whose identities have merged and in which both names commonly are used together.
<b>Census Tract</b>	Population Thresholds. Minimum: 1,200      Maximum: 8,000      Optimum: 4,000
	Housing Unit Thresholds. Minimum: 480      Maximum: 3,200      Optimum: 1,600
	All types of populated census tracts must meet the same thresholds.
	Wherever possible census tracts conform to American Indian reservations.
	Special census tracts may be created for large special land use areas without housing units or population (e.g., large public parks, forests).
<b>Block Groups (BGs)</b>	Population Thresholds. Minimum: 600      Maximum: 3,000      Optimum: none
	Housing unit counts may be used to meet BG thresholds. Minimum: 240      Maximum: 1,200      Optimum: none
	All types of populated BGs must meet the same thresholds.
	Wherever possible BGs conform to American Indian reservations.
	Special BGs may be created for large special land use areas without housing units or population (e.g., large public parks, forests).